

FEDERAL FLECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20469 March 20, 2003

**RQ-3** 

Earl Scales, Treasurer Democratic Executive Committee of Florida 810 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, FL 32303

Identification Number:

C00005561

Reference:

Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/02-3/31/02), dated 10/18/02 and

Amended July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02), dated 11/3/02

Dear Mr. Scales:

This letter is to inform you that as of March 19, 2003 the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated February 26, 2003. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by April 9, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Koeppen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely. John A

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RQ-2

Earl Scales, Treasurer
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida
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Tallahassee, FL 32303

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Identification Number:

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Reference:

Amended July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02), dated 11/3/02

Dear Mr. Scales:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses memo Schedule A's totaling \$7,310 from the "DNC Victory Fund", which appears to be a joint fundraising committee. However, there are no corresponding transfers-in from this committee disclosed on Schedule A for supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "A/V Charges", "Audio Visual", and "Printing/Signs" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. II CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment(s) to "Screven H. Watson," which is categorized as an Administrative/Voter Drive expense; however, the purpose of disbursement disclosed is "Consulting Fees/Fundraising." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's fundraising activities must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Please amend your report to correctly disclose this activity or provide clarification regarding this apparent discrepancy.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "Entertainment". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirery, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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